



Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team
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October 4, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

Public Information Phone: (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Special Announcements:

The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30th, 2018 by The Willamette National Forest, remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. The Closure Area is all within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126. Public and firefighters safety remains the priority directive.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards including rocks, debris and fire weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 south to Box Canyon

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.

Acreage: Estimated 11,445 **Completion:** 80% **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Total: 176 3-type 2 IA hand crews, 1-light lift helicopter, 6-engines, 1-dozer, 4-water tender, 2-ambulances, and 14-heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensuring proper staffing for operations.

Current Fire Information: Suppression repairs continue in the southern and western areas of the fire, removing debris. Crews are installing water bars and chipping brush. Mechanical and hand clearing along road and ditches continues to reduce gravity hazards accelerated by the fires intensity. Crews are focusing on areas which could be impacted by the forecasted rain. Hazard tree falling along FR 500 and FR 19 is ongoing to reduce fire weakened trees along this road system. Logs will be decked for future processing.

Weather: Partly cloudy and seasonal temperatures will cover the fire area until Thursday afternoon. A wet, cool system will set up bringing increased chances of rain well into Saturday. Expected daytime highs 48-53, nighttime lows 39-44 and light west winds.

Closures: Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](#).

Information Resources:

Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

